# Glory To God In The Highest, And On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men'

went out a decree form Caesar Augustus, that all they came with baste, and found Mary, and Josthe world should be taxed. (And thus taxing was epb, and the babe lying in a manger.

first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syown city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of it wondered at those things which were told them of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because and pondered them in her heart.

be was of the house and lineage of David:) To great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn

son, and wrapped bim in swaddling clothes, and laid bim in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepberds abiding in the field, heeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the

Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly bost praising God, and hases being paid by the store in cash. saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is losses from bad checks: which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign operate. unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

one to another. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass,

## Holidays Are Hazard Days

Turkeys are not the only creatures which ex- in a hurry. perience a drop in life expectancy during the holiday season.

is the most hazardous single period of the year for homo sapiens - that's us.

Last year, according to National Safety Council statistics, 515 persons were accidentally most recent bulletin took the occasion to deplore killed in two days at Christmas time. Traffic ac- some leaders to emphasize the "alternatives" to cidents caused 392 of these deaths - fire and free public schools, to adequate buildings and teachmiscellaneous accidents, 123.

Over two days at New Year's 362 persons were killed — 296 in traffic accidents, 66 in fire schools, the only hope for even a token of educationand miscellaneous accidents.

This is a total of 877 killed needlessly at everyone.

Year after year the accident toll hits a per in December. The holiday season coincides with many winter traffic hazards. In many parts of

the country streets and highways are dangerously slippery. Fog. rain, snow, sleet and fewer hours of toned cars in them, as long as we can decorate our daylight reduce the visibility of both driver and homes with television antennae, as long as we can pedestrian.

Family get-togethers impel people to drive ist attitude! long distances regardless of weather. Shopping draws more people onto the streets. And, of course, there is more drinking than at any other time of the year.

gaiety to be enjoyed only if you resolve to protect yourself from accident and to "Be Your Brother's Keeper."

And it came to pass in those days, that there which the Lord bath made known unto us. And

And when they had seen it, they made ria.) And all went to be taxed, everyone into bis known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard

the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things,

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being praising God for all the things that they had beard and seen, as it was told unto them.

> St. Luke Two: 1-20 King James Version, The Holy Bible

#### reports from OTHER EDITORS

BAD CHECKS CAN MAKE YULETIDE SEASON UNHAPPY ONE IN STORES

Business is booming in stores this Christmas season, and managers and other supervisory person nel may be inclined to take chances when a stranger presents a check for payment for merchandise with perhaps an excess above the amount of pur-

The situation is just right for crooks to obtain a holiday bonus at the expense of the merchants, and we issue this warning simply to revive their usual alert attitude in handling checks that may be of no other activities. It is true of men

An authority on the use of checks in business has these suggestions to offer in cutting down on has little or no place. And it is

born this day in the city of David a Saviour. (1) He extra careful about cashing checks when banks are closed; it's a favorite time for crooks to no place in rightful recreational

- (2) Beware of out-of-town checks.
- (a) Don't cash checks signed with a rubber stamp, written in pencil, or showing signs of alter-

(4) Put the presenter's address on the check before cahsing it.

And, to this list, we add the suggestion that our families and long-time assocmerchants have a kodak handy and take, or pretend lates Jesus wants us to love and to take a picture of the presenter if the check looks nonor, but in due measure. As a too phony. This will usually scare the crook away Kempis said: "Let all be loved for

Money paid out on bad checks presented by crocks is rarely ever recovered, and a few of them The Christmas-New Year holiday season also can result in an unhappy Christmas for store man- Master because — as on the first pher.

Stanley News and Press. Albermarle, N. C.

NO TIME FOR DEFEATED PHILOSOPHERS The North Carolina Education Association in its what has seemed to be a tendency on the part of

ing facilities. And the NCE rightly points out that for some things there is no adequate alternative: for example, the church, a happy home, and free public your chance to help see a misal equality.

Of course, as is pointed out, we could teach our what should be the happiest time of the year for children in shifts and stagger terms, teach some at that visit you hesitate to make night and some in the day, held school in tents for parts of the year and employ other devices to re- in. We fail to give the Son of God duce the need for new buildings. But, no intelligent North Carolina should consider such makeshifts in the nurture of our most important asset.

> With the NCEA we take our stand that as long as we can build double garages and put new twospend for recreation, alcohol, and tobaccos what we do spend, there can be no justification for a defeat-

"The time has come, we think, when many courageous statesmen should take a stand on the ground not rightly speak of OUR time, hallowed and consecrated by such stalwart men as OUR money, OUR skills. They are Walter Hines Page and Charles B. Aycock, saying His. Imperious is He in His declearly for all to hear that our public schools shall It is a season of gaiety, to be sure, but be preserved, that our children shall be properly room to Christ because of his insishoused and that our classrooms shall be filled with

> News of Orange County, Hillsboro and Chapel Hill, N. C.

## CHEROKEE CHATTER

As much as it pains me to ad-mit it, I'm afraid TOM CASE is LAY, who wrote a charming letter not what the average Murphy to Santa Claus, has been wondermale could call a brave man. ing how the Scout got the letter

el all the way across the state re-cently to visit friends and relat-ives. And it just so happens that the Case's home was one of the | So, being a friend of ours, he

Putting two and two together, it plain looks as though Tom let if get chased out of his by a few hundred women. na man no backbo

Tom had a sudden urge to trav-gets so many letters that he does to publish it. Well, Billy, Santa

decorated for Holiday asked the Scout to print the letby the Murphy Garden ters he gets so that all the little boys and girls will know that he got their letters.

CAROLING

While eating dinner the other ight at a friend's home I thought g. As it turned out my host had

appointed to learn there were not boys and girls outside.

BY BILL COSTELLO

I'm sure other folks in Cherokee County feel the same as I reives His place. do and would be overjoyed to hear Christmas carols sung outside their windows this time of year. It looks like someone could form a group and sing for a wor-

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MERRY CHRISTMAS; and to

## Words Of Life

EDSTOR'S NOTE: The following is the second in a series of four articles to be written by the Rev. Robert A. Potter, pastor of the Murphy Presbyterian Church, After Mr. Potter's series ends another Cherokee County minister will take up the series of devotional-type articles which will be a weekly feature in the Scout. DO WE MAKE ROOM FOR JESUS CHRIST?

BY ROBERT A. POTTER Luke ii:7-And she wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, for there was no

room for them in the inn. What happened to Jesus Christ the first Christmas night has been there is no room. He is left out in four surprises, Oh, yeah, sign your re-occuring ever since. For Him the cold. Whether or not the innkeeper was primarily to blame for this neglect we do not know. What we need to do now under the shadow of Christmas Day is to face the question each one himself: Do I make room for Jesus Christ?

Two, reasons for a resting place not being provided for the Son of God in Bethlehem then maintain now. For one thing He is crowded out by other people and things. She is four months old. Bring her And for another, He is unknown when He comes.

Our Saviour often finds no room in people's lives because of many in the mass: politics, industry, recreational activities, Christ does not dominate, sometimes in them true in our individual lives.

How often the Master is given activities that He might inspire, to say nothing of many pleasures that prevent His dwelling. He is crowded from our lives also because of the pressure of daily work, making a living for the family. Likewise, He is prevented from taking the room He desires by other persons who usurp His place. Jesus' sake, but Jesus for His

Then no room is provided for the Christmas Day - when He comes, He is unrecognized. In the words of the plaintive Negro spiritual: "Sweet little Jesus boy, we didn't Marietta this week. know who you were." Oftentimes men still do not know. We say "Oh yes, we do," but do we: Who Christ really is? What He can do for, and through us?

"I come in unknown ways, saith the Lord." It maybe He is there: treated person receive fair play, a church duty to be performed, a burdened heart relieved. That commonplace task you shrink from, these may be Christ trying to get when He arrives.

I wonder if there is not another reason that Christ is not given His rightfult place; and that is, be-Hill and family. cause He demands so much. Jesus gently knocks. He patiently waits. But when He enters He requires all. He must be first and foremost. John of Andrews, will spend the "Whoever of you does not reholidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. nounce all that He has," He says, "cannot be my desciple". We may May of Smithfield. Often men fail to give tence that all of life be centered in dren are spending the Christmas

it is that we make room for Him. Wade Massey attended the Christ-I want to mention two compelling mas exercises at the Folk School reasons for one: life is forever vain unless we give Him His de-School Sunday afternoon. served station. Sooner or later wef find other attractions are glitter- the Christmas holidays with her ing baubles if Christ is disregardhusband in Brevard. ed. If there is light, He must kindle it. If there is enduring song, Christ creates words and music. Even the finest tasks and richest Mr. Noah Mintz's saw mill or human companionships leave us Davis Creek. John is a good saw with a sense of lack unless He re-mill man.

Mrs. Lytle Couch left Sunday for Lemon City, Fla. should give Him room becausee He is so eager within our hearts to her mother, Mrs. R. V. Wells. eph sought a room for the Christ at the first Christmas, so Jesus have gone to East Point, N. C. speuld I," He says again and yet Miss Vey Adams of Grandview again,, "and ye would not." "Behald I stand at the door and knock, local hospital Saturday. if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to days of His flesh it was like that him." It's abundantly worthwhile Still lovingly He comes looking Still lovingly He comes looking for room. Will He find it at thi er, I wish that in 1958 all for the gladness His reception

denied mays the Lord Christ, "I will o When He entered upon the hu-san acese God's Son was denied as rightful place. All through the



These are what I want for her to

name on the sheet of paper. .

Luariston B. Hardin

I am a good little girl three

With lots of love.

A Backward

5 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 28, 1950

termed indispensable to Tennes-

see's successful football season

Mr. and Mrs. James Ferebee of

Andrews spent Christmas Day in

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wilson of

Bryson City spent Christmas holi-

Mrs. L. E. Mauney and daugh-

ter. Mrs. Eva Nell Lauria, are

spending the holidays in Atlanta

with Mr. and Mrs. Spurge Christo-

Mrs. Ed Brumby and daughter,

Mary Bolan, visited Mrs. Brum-

by's mother, Mrs. W. H. Martin in

10 YEARS AGO

Thursday, Dec. 27, 1945

Tire rationing will end at 12:01 a

m. Jan. 1, the Office of Price Ad-

C. D. Gleen of Morganton is

guest in the home of the Rev. and

Eddie Mallonee who has been in

the South Pacific has received his

discharge and arrived in Murphy

Mrs. Don Witherspoon left Fri-

day for Washington, D. C., to

spend the Christmas holidays with

20 YEARS AGO

TUESDAY, DEC. 24, 1935

Mr. an dMrs. Luke Ellis and son

Mr. and Mrs. George Mauney left

Mr. and Mrs. Ritter and chil-

holidays with relatives in Pennsyl-

Mrs. Edwina Clark and Mrs.

Mrs. Albert Banner will spend

SO YEARS AGO

Friday, Dec. 25, 1925

J. R. Marcus is now operating

Mrs. G. G. Couch and Mr. and

Miss Loucine Wells arrived Fri-

day to spend the holidays with

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kephi

where they will make their home

local hospital Saturday.

ministration has announced.

Mrs. T. G. Tate this week.

r daughter. Miss

SDOOM.

days in Andrews with relatives.

Atlanta, Ga.

Glance

Linda Kay Phillips

Dec. 7, 1955

Yours truly,

Dear Santa Claus.

a little rubber doll.

# TO SANTA CLAUS

Rt. 1, Box 10 I would like you to bring me a

December 12, 1955 Terry Lee doll for me to play with. Dear Santa Claus,

wear. A school dress, a Sunday I am a little boy four years old. dress with a slip and some shoes, I am very smart. I help everyone too. Oh, yeah, I want her to have at home, and am learning to read, some blue jeans and shirt. A Girl write and count. I want you to Scout suit, a night gown with bath bring fine a billfold, roadscraper, and electric train.

I want a suftcase. And I want My little brother Paul is three high chair. I want a Hollywood bed year old. He is very good, too. He set. Also I want a beginners cook wants you to bring him a doll and set. Just one or two or three or tractor. I also have a sister, Lavonne, 12 years old, who wants Bingo set and a record player. I bet you put your smile away This is all for us until next year.

Goodby, Stephen, Paul and Lavonn Thompson Murphy, N. C.

Dec. 7, 1955

years old. Will you please bring me a big tricycle like the one I

saw at the Western Auto. And a We want a baseball and bat and tea set. Please don't forget my a basketball and goal and a footbaby sister. Her name is Wanda. ball. We want you to bring us both a truck that hauls cars. But more than anything else we want a bicycle. So please bring us a 24 inch bicycle..

With love. Danny and Donny Taylor P. S. Bring us some boxing gloves,

Dear Santa, I have been good this year year and I love you.

I would like for you to bring me Frank Alexander of Murphy, one a little red wagon, a piano, some of the ends on Tennessee's football books, a duster, a snoopy dog and squad, was one of the 12 who were

> get all the things they want. And please make it snow on Christmas. Dickey Denette Hubbard

I hope all the other children will

Culberson, N. C.

Dear Santa. This I would like to know

How do you get across the snow, And how you carry all toys

You deliver to the girls and boys. How do you go from zone to zone Visit each and every home

Leave before the midnight hour And smile and stay as fresh as a flower.

Do your feet hurt that night Boy, I bet home is a welcome sight

To use again next Christmas Day. Bring to each girl and boy

Something that will bring them

Lynn is six and I am nine Be sure and visit us on time.

Claudie and Lynn McCall Rt. 1, Culberson, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus,

My name is Shelia Gossett. My brother's name is Daryl. We live on Valley River Ave. in Murphy, N. C. Will you please bring me

a doll that walks, crys and kneels. And I would like a checker board. And bring me what else you think

is best for me. Please bring Daryl an electric train. And a Davy Crockett hat, and what else you think is best

I will leave a Coca-Cola, cookies and coffee for you.

> Yours truly Shelia and Darvl

# TALK O'THE TOWN

By Emily Costello

I'm so excited about Christmas I can hardly g et my mind on anything else this week. In fact, I don't know why I should try. Anyhow, I just hope everybody within reading range has a wonderful

Christmas and holiday season. And let's all go to church somewhere on Christmas Sunday. I guarantee you'll feel bettter about Christmas if

The holiday season builds up into a terrific frenzy from Thanks giving day until we wonder if we'll ever get our cards address, the packages mailed home, and all our shopping done. It's exasperating how much we forget to do during these days, too, and we begruige ourselves even one minute to relax.

So it's no wonder we come to the week before Christmas all worn. out and with a runny nose. I'm giving out free advice that you not wear yourself out because that just makes you open season for any germ around. (I'm an authority, what with two stopped up ears and a

It's so hard to decide what is most important at this season of the year that we usually just take on everything at once. My (who's about the best advice giver I know) wrote me to choose only

Miss Ann Hill of Greensboro is the activities most deserving of my energy at Christmas time. here to spend the Christmas hol-I know we will all have to neglect something at this time of yearidays with her mother, Mrs. J. N. like entertaining, or visiting, or writing letters - but let's try to decide what is most important and give it our best tme and energy this week.

JUNE BRIDE

The Scout had a mighty pretty society page last week what with two engaged lovelies and a bride. One . of the bethrothals announced. was that of ANNE SHIELDS (daughter of the E. L. Shields) to ED-WIN P. BROWN, Jr. of Murfreesboro. The couple have been going together for almost three years, I think, and Ed has visited here a num-Sunday to spend Christmas with ber of times. Anne is a junior at Woman's College of the University of Mrs. Mauney's mother, Mrs. Le-N. C.., Greensboro, where she is an art major and Ed is a senior at. Guilford College. They plan a June wedding, and I haven't heard the plans but I hope it will be here.

> Anne is home for Christmas and Ed is also here for a few days during the holidays. By the way, Ed's mother is preside of the N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs / and she's a very lovely lady. I believe his father runs the big basket factory at Murfreesboro. BACK TO SCHOOL

> FELIX PALMER will enter Clemson College next semester after just being discharged from the service. Of course his wife, the former MARTHA AXLEY and their little baby will accompany him and they hope to have a GI house on the campus. For the present they're livin in Murphy and are at the home of his parents, the TOM PALMERS, I

A POEM The Forest City Courier last week ran this poem which is an ap propriate one for the season:

> I sneezed a sneeze into the air; It feel to earth, I know not where But there were angry looks that froze From those in whose vicinity I mose.

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